

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity, ~~characterized by containing~~comprising a mixture of titanium oxide fine particles doped only with elemental particles, wherein the elemental particles are formed from an element ~~doped with at least one material selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, nickel, cobalt, iron, and compounds thereof~~zinc.

2. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity according to claim 1, characterized in that said titanium oxide fine particles are amorphous-type and/or anatase-type modified with peroxy groups.

3-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of the titanium oxide to the at least one material is from 1:0.01 to 1:0.5.

22. (Currently Amended) A titania-metal composite ~~comprising~~consisting of a mixture of titanium oxide fine particles and elemental particles, wherein the elemental particles are formed from an element ~~doped with at least one material selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, nickel, cobalt, iron, and~~ zinc~~compounds thereof~~;

wherein the titanium oxide fine particles are anatase-type, brookite-type, or rutile-type particles; and the ~~at least one material~~ elemental particles are present in an amount sufficient so that the titania-metal composite does not have a photocatalytic activity.

23. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite of claim 22, wherein the molar ratio of the titanium oxide to the at least one material is from 1:0.01 to 1:0.5.

24. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite of claim 22, wherein the titanium oxide fine particles are modified with peroxy groups.

25. (Currently Amended) A titania-metal composite without photocatalytic activity, comprising anatase-type titanium peroxide fine particles and elemental metal particles, wherein the metal particles are formed from ~~which are doped with~~ at least one metal selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, nickel, cobalt, iron, and zinc, and compounds thereof.